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Congregations combine to celebrate the miracle of Christmas

Singers and musicians from six local churches joined shepherds, angels and wise men from seven churches to fill the altar for Sunday's glorious Inter-denominational Christmas Cantata celebration in music and story, this year hosted by Elk Point United Church. More photos, Page 12

Seven churches combine in Cantata

Elk Point's inter-denominational Christmas tradition includes songs of the season from other lands

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Musicians, singers and youngsters from five local churches joined those from two other communities for Elk Point's annual Inter-Denominational Christmas Cantata on Sunday evening at Elk Point United Church, with a good crowd in attendance to enjoy the songs and stories of Christmas.

St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, Elk Point United Church, Elk Point Christian Community Church, St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church, St. Paul Roman Catholic Church and Myrnam Community Church, along with several angels and shepherds from Elk Point Baptist

Church, took part in the program of Christmas music, gospel readings and Nativity play.

Pianists Gabe Bayduza, Wanda Kryzanowski and John Bennett, bass guitarist Gary Litvany, guitarist Jim Votour, drummer Rick Dees, Tom Valteau on recorder and Val Goulet and Sandy Kummetz on triangles accompanied the choir and congregation, under the direction of Holly Myshaniuk.

Myshaniuk offered a warm welcome and opened the evening with an Advent prayer before a crowd of angels, shepherds and Wise Men joined the Holy Family at the front of the church, to hear a children's version of the Christmas story read by Tia Lowry.

The choir's first number, "Twas in the Moon of Winter Time," sometimes known as "The Huron Carol," dates back to 1642, while one of their later selections, "Sing Til Sundown" is a modern carol originating in the USA and two other numbers, "Lovely Star in the Sky" and "Sheep Fast Asleep" were translated from Korean and Japanese. A very special number featured Mary Bezpalko singing the first verse of a favourite Ukrainian carol in that language, with the choir joining in to sing the rest of "The Birth of Christ our Saviour" in English for the first time. The choir's portion of the program also included "Ring the Bells" and "Calypso Noel".

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Final chamber meeting of 2011

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

Due to busy work schedules, other meetings and the activity-packed Christmas season, Elk Point Chamber of Commerce has agreed to hold just one meeting in December, with that event slated for tomorrow noon, Wednesday, Dec. 14, at the Empress.

Discussions of the 2011 Christmas Extravaganza and setting the date for the 2012 annual meeting will be on the agenda as the chamber prepares for the New Year.



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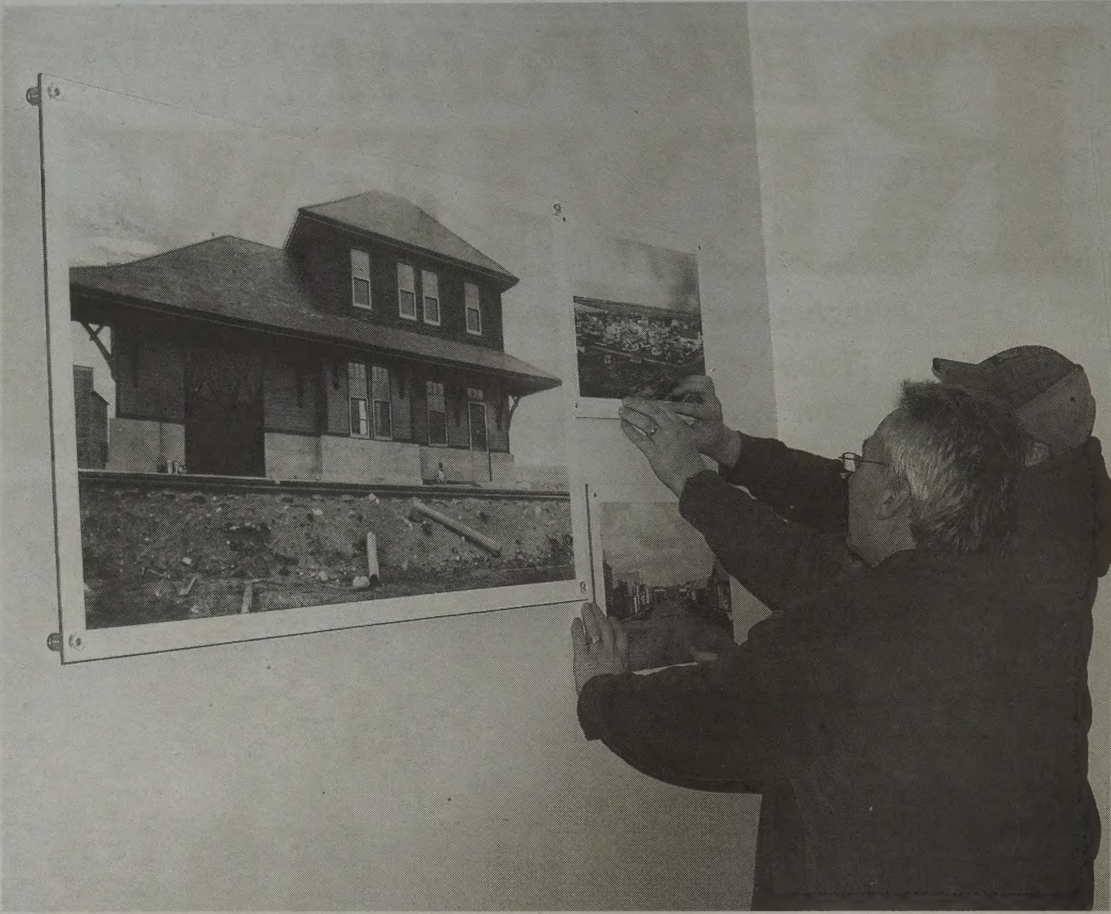
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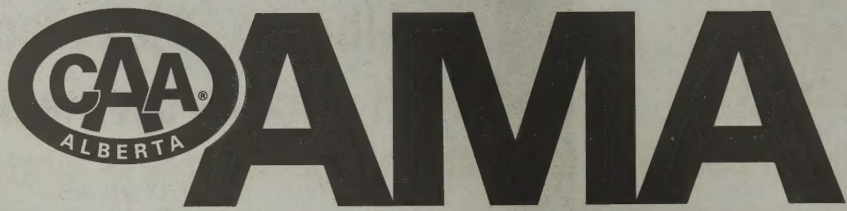
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Decking the halls with history

Elk Point's Visitor Information EcoCentre is now decorated with a series of five pictures dating back to the building of its predecessor, the Elk Point CN Railway station. The photos were scanned from originals loaned by Allan and Rhonda Berg, and were enlarged by Graphica Signs of Bonnyville. That company used its large format digital printer, the only one of its kind in Alberta, and environmentally-friendly ink to print the photos on a recycled product called GreenCore. Bob Bezpalko assisted Graphica's Jordan Matthiessen with arranging and hanging the photos, which include the nearly-completed original station, an aerial view of the town in its early days, Main Street as it looked many years ago, and (not shown) two other aerial views. The Elk Point Chamber of Commerce is delighted to have the historic photos available for both locals and visitors to enjoy, and have just one question: does anyone know who the child is who is seated on the station platform in the 1927 photo? The public is welcome to drop by the EcoCentre between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday for a closer look at the photos.



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Seniors set the scene for the festive season

By VICKI BROOKER

Review Staff

Elk Point Pioneer Circle seniors got the Christmas season off to a festive start with their annual Christmas Dinner on Sunday, Dec. 4.

Two longtime former members of the group, Jean Dach and Iryne Buck, were warmly welcomed by mistress of ceremonies Margaret Modin.

Town Coun. Bernice Capjack, County of St. Paul Coun. Dwight Dach and MLA Ray Danyluk brought holiday greetings from the local and provincial governments before Pastor Bill Kryzanowski of the Elk Point Christian Community Church asked the blessing.

Following a sumptuous meal of turkey and all the trimmings and a series of door prize draws, everyone joined in to sing favourite carols and Christmas songs, with Gabe Bayduza providing piano accompaniment.



Loretta Pinder accepted one of the huge gift baskets donated by CNRL from Pioneer Circle president Ron Smith. Orest Fedorus was the second lucky winner.



John Robertson was one of the recipients of candy trays donated by Shirley's Catering and presented by Ron Smith. A second tray went to Lenore Bjornstad.



Ron Smith presents Jody Smith with one of two poinsettias contributed by the Pioneer Circle. The second poinsettia went to Bonnie Hammond.



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With Gabe Bayduza at the piano, Lucille Smith, Faye Smith, Lyn Young and Margaret Modin lead the seniors and their guests in the annual carol sing-along at the Dec. 4 Pioneer Circle Christmas Dinner.

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Twelve days to get ready!

The days are "trickling down to a precious few," as the song says, with just twelve days until Christmas is upon us. So much to do, and the days (or at least their daylight hours) just get shorter and shorter, when we could use about 12 extra hours in every one of them.

It's good to know that in eight more days, we will have reached the Winter Solstice, and the daylight hours will ever so gradually start to increase in length.

In the meantime, we need to make a lot of lists, check them twice, and forget about worrying who's been naughty or nice. After all, it's Christmas, and everyone needs a little positive reinforcement to get them through the darkest days of the year.

In the midst of all the hustle and bustle, it's also important to remember to take time to enjoy the season: listen to the glorious music, watch a television classic, cherish the time, however short, spent with family and friends as you get ready to celebrate Christmas.

WAY BACK WHEN...

Church dedicated, big tree lighted, land deal signed

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 13 IN...

1986

Well over 200 people packed the new Elk Point Baptist Church as the building was dedicated to its holy use by the congregation and Pastor John McGregor. A proposal for weekly transportation of seniors from Heritage Lodge, Buckingham House, Fort George Manor and private homes to downtown Elk Point and return was studied by town council and sent to the FCSS board for further study.

1991

Heinsburg's 60-foot spruce was the biggest Christmas tree in the country, decked from trunk to star with multi-coloured lights and lit up for the first time at a pre-Christmas wiener roast. A large and enthusiastic group of singers from Bonnyville were special guests at Elk Point Community Choir's annual Christmas concert.

1996

Snowbank sliding, a downtown ice rink and hayrides pulled by Ollie Fedorus and his vintage John Deere were all part of Christmas Extravaganza. Serious sport went out the window when the CFCW Country Critters breezed into the A. G. Ross Arena to take on Elk Point's minor hockey coaches.

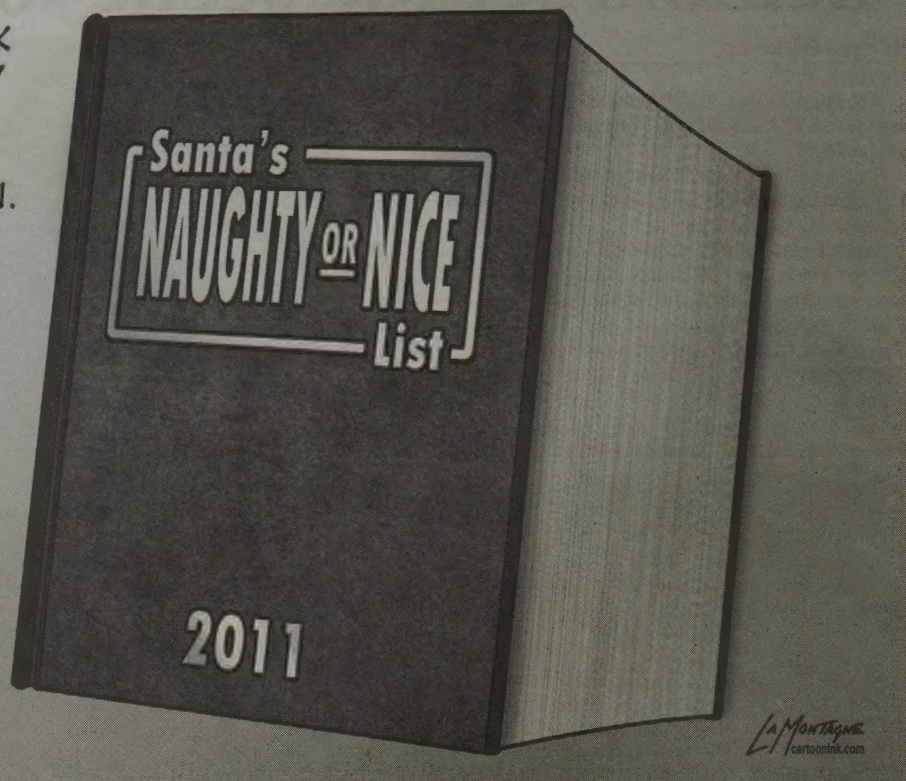
2001

Ten municipalities, making up a body known as Northeast MuniCorr, signed a land deal with CN Rail to take ownership of 240 km of former rail line and right-of-way that would become the Iron Horse Trail. With what president Eugene Buck called "a miraculous, wonderful Extravaganza" behind them, the chamber of commerce looked forward to the coming new year and finding a brand-new executive.

2006

With the North Saskatchewan River slated for heritage designation, Elk Point was in a good position to benefit from increased tourist traffic. Billie Milholland of the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance told Elk Point Chamber of Commerce. Elk Point Elementary School students helped out Santa by delivering 22 bags on non-perishable groceries to The Goat's Christmas Convoy.

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All things!

Now that it is December, and we have snow on the ground as well as experiencing some cold and not so cold days, have you ever wondered about what our birds are doing? Yes, it is true, when it is spring we hear them more often than now, but what about those birds that don't migrate and stay in the area, do you ever wonder about them?

To find out which birds are in our area I went to the book: "Birds of Alberta" by Chris Fisher and John Acorn. As a person who enjoys hearing birds sing, and not being a person who knows very much detail about birds, I had one question at this time. Which birds are year round in Alberta?

Year around is the Great Horned Owl, our provincial bird. It hunts mice, rabbits, grouse and even fish. This common bird has a poorly developed sense of smell, however, which might be why it is the only consistent predator of skunks. The Great Gray Owl has the most impressive face of any bird. It lets nothing escape its attention - its head swivels smoothly, focusing instantly on sounds and movements. Once a vole is detected, the Great Gray launches from its perch, glides in on fixed wings and often punches through deep snow to acquire its meal. This regal and impressive owl is one of the most sought-after birds in Alberta.

Soft taps and hectic staccato calls sound out the activities of the Downy Woodpecker. It is the most common woodpecker throughout most of Alberta and the most likely species to be attracted to backyard feeding stations during the colder months, especially when suet is offered. Then there is the Black-Capped Chickadee who also com-

monly visit backyard feeders during winter, and they are easily enticed to an outstretched hand that offers a sunflower seed.

Most songbirds, including Black-capped Chickadees, have both songs and calls. The chickadee's pee-oo-oo song is delivered primarily during courtship, to attract mates and to defend territories. The chick-a-dee-dee call, which can be heard year-round, is used to keep flocks together and to maintain contact among the birds. I am sure all of you who are backyard bird feeders during the winter months enjoy these birds and maybe some others who I haven't mentioned.

Since we are in the month of December and we thinking about what is important to remember at this time, I found a children's song called: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" with words written by Cecil Frances Alexander.

*All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.
Each little flow'r that opens,
Each little bird that sings
He made their glowing colors,
He made their tiny wings.
All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*

Birdwatching, or 'birding,' as some people prefer to call it, is challenging, and getting started might be the hardest part. There are almost 400 species of birds to learn if you want to be able to identify everything you can see throughout Alberta. So whether you are able to identify the bird by site or by ear (by sound), what needs to be remembered is that the Lord God made them all.

So whether we are observing the gift of and sounds of birds, December becomes the month to thank the Lord for all things and especially the greatest gift - the gift of his Son, Jesus Christ.



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from the FCSS desk

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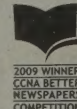
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Gathering up the groceries

F. G. Miller High School's P.U.P.s spearheaded a massive food collection campaign to assist the Elk Point Community Lions Santas Anonymous. With the help of Elk Point Elementary students and staff, who contributed 295 pounds of food, a total of 1,596 items, weighing 1,559 pounds, were collected. Grade 8A collected 439 items to win a pizza party, while 9A was second with 349 items.

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Groceries by the truckload

Elk Point Co-op, Elk Point Volunteer Fire Department, B & R Eckels, jolly old Santa Claus and The Wolf 99.7 FM combined forces for the annual Christmas Convoy, which saw about 400 Good Buy to Hunger bags added to the Santas Anonymous stockpile. Left to right are Fire Chief Ken Palamarek, Andrew Harvey of B & R, Santa and The Wolf's Gauch Wandler, all set to haul yet another cartload of food hampers out to the truck.

Gift wrappers needed

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Donations of gifts, food and cash have been coming in for several weeks, and now the Elk Point Community Lions are looking for another kind of help.

This time, they would like some volunteer assistance to wrap all those presents and assemble the boxes for families who will benefit from the community's generosity this Christmas.

Friday, Dec. 16 has been set for the day and evening to get everything wrapped and boxed, and if you can spare a few hours of your time, please call Susan Frisby at 780-724-4337 and leave a message.

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Heinsburg and area crafters displayed their wares for an appreciative crowd of shoppers on Saturday, Dec. 3 at the Community Club's annual craft sale. Everything from hand-knit socks to framed nature photos to home baking was snapped up by eager buyers, many of whom also took time out to enjoy lunch made by the local ladies.



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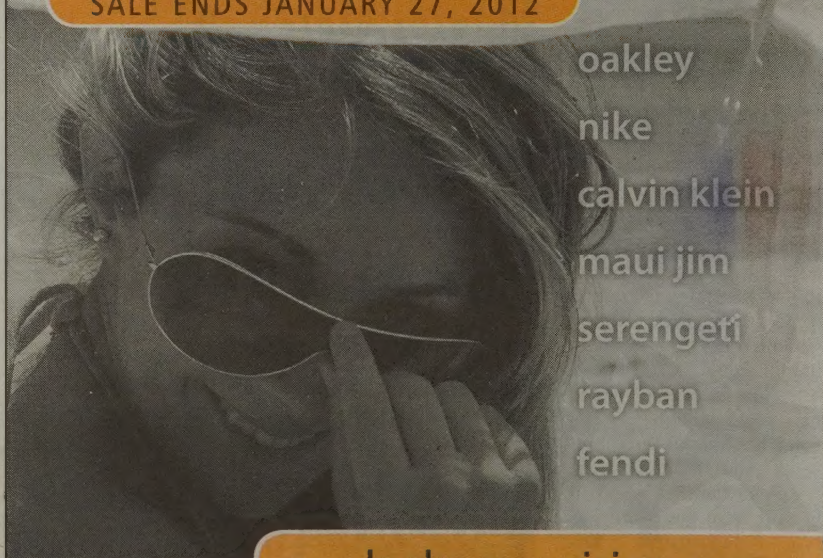
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Busy weekend for local hockey teams

Rome wasn't built in a day, so I guess you could say that's because these guys weren't on that job! If you think about it, coaching any team can take a lot of patience, but coaching a team with four or five first-time players, only starting to play hockey at the atom level, is a tough assignment. Head coach Jay Duffee and his assistants, James Pinder and Robbie Tchir, along with first time manger Angie Pinder, signed up for the task, they took the challenge and have done an admirable job of bringing the Atom B team a long way so far this year.



**doug
BASSETT**
Review Sports

Looking back from where they started in the first of October until now, you would be amazed. In fact, in Saturday's matinee against Saddle Lake they looked like they might take this one and get their first win of the season, leading after the first period 5-4, than down by one after two, eventually losing a heartbreaker. They didn't crack the champagne this time, but put on a great show for the parents and fans in the stands. A hat trick for "Sam I am" Henderson, his sister Paige finding the twine with two, Erin Duffee who not only blocked a lot of shots on defense, got the green light and carried the puck end to end for one. The set up man, Tyler Jamieson, working his heart out, is

credited with three assists, Zachary "Scooter" Tchir with an assist as well. Brandon "Bart" Schaap and Chase Dorey, both hard working in the corners and coming up with the puck. Don't tell these girls that they can't play hockey: first time player Adana Pinder forcing many turnovers and defense woman Fawn Ockerman doing an awesome job of back checking, helping out her goalie, Parker Allen, the "Michelin Man" who saw more rubber than a dead skunk on highway #401 in Toronto at rush hour, he faced 65 shots, and of course he didn't stop them all, but his save percentage was simply superb.

Earlier in the day the Micro Novice hit the ice, winning against Mallaig. Scoring a hat trick "King Kong Konner" Poitras and Jager Fontaine. Also on the game sheet with goals, Sam "Spiderman" Rogal, "Bazooka Joey" Cardinal, Cash "CC" Capjack, and scoring her first goal ever was Rylee Warawa. Helping out with assists Kade Fontaine, Dean "the Machine" Ockerman, Josef Therault, and the towering center man Vanden "Mario" Moroziuk. The coaching staff of Robyn Moroziuk, Travis Hymanyk and Roger Fontaine has also done a fine job of instructing these little guys honing their skating skills.

The Novice Avalanche hit the ice right after the Micro Novice, also playing against Mallaig, winning this one as well. Hat tricks for Slader "the Gator" Hardcastle, Jaden "Jet Stream" Van Maarion and "Lightning Liam" Ludlage.

Head coach Kevin Hardcastle then preached to his big horses about teamwork and all three were credited with a

number of assists as they helped set up the single goal scorers, namely Evan "Ernie" Ockerman, Ronan "Radar" Poulin, Charlie "Little Angel" Rogal, his cousin Luke "Skywalker" Poulin all lighting the lamp, and Avery Warawa with her first goal ever. Also kicking in with assists Jadey "the Special Lady" Capjack with two helpers, Jenna "Precious" Poitras and the big power forwards Odin Smith and "Danny Boy" Cardinal. Jace "the Stafford Streak" in the cage for this one wasn't too busy, until he had to deal with a few one-on-one break-a-way!

On the road to Mannville on Saturday, the Atom A team played sensational in a tournament there, winning the C side. Starting out a little slow at first on Saturday morning and losing against Wainwright, team Captain Dustyn Pankiw scoring, assisted by Angus McFarlane. In their second game with the momentum building, they tied three-all against Vermilion, Hayden "Hot Wheels" Ludlage, Darrian "the Dominator" Rybchinsky and Kaiden "K Rock" Evans -Anderson with the goals, Dylan "the Destroyer" Ference, and Angus McFarlane with the assists.

Sunday in the exciting final against Paradise Valley, the Avalanche winning 6 to 5. Connor "Coast to Coast" Lychak with two goals including the winner, Devon "Naz" Nazarchuk with two goals, Colton "Super B" Van Maarion and "Captain Dustyn" Pankiw with singles, Angus McFarlane, "K Rock" and "Hot Wheels" with a couple of assists each. "The Dominator" between the pipes shutting the door on the Jets.

A tough weekend for the Pee wee Avalanche, losing two, the first one up in Cold Lake on Saturday night where the Freeze sure weren't very hospitable and put the Avalanche into a headlock, Brodin "the Bull" Ference with a hat trick, Chad "Pick Pocket" Poitras also picking up a goal, "Ozzie" Austin Stafford with the helper.

On Sunday at home, when Lashburn came to town, they went right for the jugular and never loosened their grip the whole game. "The Bull" was the only goal scorer with a hat trick, "Ozzie", Taylor Pankiw and Ross "Rosy" McGillivray with the assists.

And don't forget to thank these guys next time you see them: remember, without them there is no hockey games, our referee staff, our junior referee, Ross "Rosy" McGillivray, who has been learning the ropes from the senior guys, Ryan MacDonald, Tyler Loughran Jordan Cousins and the multitasked Scott Dallaire, our caretaker who also runs the Zamboni between periods and mops floors. Hey Scotty, I want to drive the ZamboniEEEEEE! Yes I do!

And now for the K.A.Campbell quote of the week. "It will be difficult for them to beat us. This team is motivated and hungry right now. Last week's answer to- "They're a bunch of divers. They're a disgrace to their country." - Peter Stastny claiming that the American players faked penalties.

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Poppy donation

Elk Point Review advertising manager Melanie McRae was pleased to present Del Smith of the St. Paul Royal Canadian Legion with a cheque for \$230 in proceeds from the commemorative poppies purchased by local businesses and individuals in the Nov. 8 Remembrance Day tribute in the Review.

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OBITUARY

WILSON, Emma



On December 10, 2011, Mrs. Emma Wilson of Elk Point, formerly of Boscombe, passed away peacefully at the age of 99 years at Parkview Extendedicare.

She is survived by her 2 loving sons, Jim (Denise) of Hughenden & Laverne (Doris) of Elk Point; 11 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; sister, Audrey Elliott of Rich Lake; numerous nieces & nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Jim in 1985; son, Gordon in 1999; daughter-in-law, Donna in 2010; 7 sisters & 3 brothers.

A Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, December 17 at 10:30 a.m. at Boscombe Community Centre, Boscombe. Pastor Dick Upham officiating with interment in Willowgrove Cemetery, Owlseye. If desired, donations may be made to a charity of one's choice c/o Box 1780, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A0. To send condolences online, please visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com

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Cantata

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Tom Valleau added a beautiful recorder solo, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" to the program, while Rick Dees contributed a soaring rendition of "The Holy City."

The congregation joined the choir in a series of favourite carols.

Gospel readings by Pastor Bill Kryzanowski, Jesse Theriault and Shirley Kvill from the book of Luke told the traditional story of the birth of Jesus in a stable beneath a wondrous star.

Father Andrew Schoenberger gave the benediction before the choir wound up the evening in their traditional fashion, with "Silent Night" sung in German, Ukrainian, French and English as they slowly made their way off the stage in the recessional.

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BERG, Arvid

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OBITUARY

POITRAS, Lloyd



On December 6, 2011, Mr. Lloyd Poitras of Elk Point passed away at the age of 91 years.

He is survived by 5 sons & 3 daughters; Eddie (Shelley) Poitras of St. Paul, Marjorie Shirt of Saddle Lake, Gerald (Dorothy) Poitras of Fort Kent, Florence (Frank) Large & Marlene (Clifford) Cardinal of Saddle Lake, Roland Poitras (Grace Mercier) of St. Paul, Richard (Penny) Poitras of Penticton, B.C. & Adrian Poitras (Lorraine Morin) of Enoch; daughter-in-law, Liz Poitras of Elk Point; son-in-law, Ben Whiskeyjack of Saddle Lake; 60 grandchildren, 107 great-grandchildren & 38 great-great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Mary; 2 sons, Norman & Homer; 2 daughters, Lavina Poitras & Theresa Whiskeyjack; grandchildren, Homer Jr., Sherry & Jordan Poitras; great-grandchildren, Lynacy & Marcel; 3 brothers, Freddy, Pete & Bennie; 2 sisters, Blanche & Dora; son-in-law, Bill Shirt. Private Lloyd James Poitras (M67638) served with the Calgary Highlanders Infantry 2nd division, #5 platoon A company, during WWII from 1941 - 1945 in England, France, Belgium, Holland & Germany. He was discharged in 1946.

A Wake was held on Saturday & Sunday, December 10 & 11 at Kehewin School Gym, Kehewin. Program & viewing were held on Monday, December 12 at 11:00 am at Kehewin School Gym, Kehewin followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 2:00 pm at Our Lady of Mercy Roman Catholic Church, Kehewin. Reverend Father Rene Realuyo was the celebrant with interment in the Church Cemetery, Kehewin. To send condolences online, please visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com.

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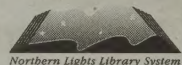
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CLASSIFIED DEADLINE Thursday 4 pm

Annual bird count starts this week

By PAUL E. BOISVERT
Review Contributor

December 2011 marks the 18th consecutive year that a bird count is being held in the Town and County of St. Paul. This year's count will take place between Dec. 14 and Jan. 7. The Audubon-Bird Studies Canada count, which is based on a single day of field or feeder counts, will be Dec. 18.

Given that there are many people who are interested in bird watching and who are unable to participate in the one-day Bird Studies Count, we will continue with the Town and County count that is over a longer period of time, to be sent to Bird Studies Canada.

All interested birders are asked to do a count of birds that are observed out in the field or at bird feeders. How long and how many times you do your observations is completely up to the individual birder. All you are asked to do is to record the date and location of your observations along with the number of birds by species. Those who do feeder counts on more than one day should report the largest number of birds seen at any one time. For example, if you see eight Chickadees on Tuesday and 11 on Friday at the same feeder, the number reported should be 11 not 19.

When you have done all the observations you plan to do, submit your count report by calling 780-645-3409 in the evening (leave a message if necessary) or email it to boisvertpe@gmail.com no later than Jan. 8.

Every year at this time I get calls asking about what type of bird book is best to own. There are excellent books with only the birds of Alberta. A second choice would be birds of western Canada

and a third choice is birds of North America. A book on birds of the world is not practical unless one plans to travel the world doing bird observations.

Should anyone have any more questions about these matters, I can be contacted at the number or email address given above.



Paul E. Boisvert photo

A Downy Woodpecker was busy at work this fall. This is only one of the many bird species which will be counted in the upcoming survey.



Vicki Brooker photo

November birthdays at Seniors' Centre

Five local seniors were honoured with birthday cake at the Elk Point Seniors' Recreation Centre during the centre's November Fun Day. Left to right are November birthday celebrants Margaret Modin, Don and Siri Lorenson, Chris McFadyen and Peggy Smereka.

Churches celebrate miracle of Christmas



A serene and smiling Mary and two sweet Christmas angels await their call to the altar for the annual Cantata Christmas pageant, this year held at Elk Point United Church.



Inter-denominational musicians and singers combine their talents in glorious songs of the season.



Tia Lowry reads the story of the first Christmas to attentive angels, shepherds and Wise Men.

Director Holly Myshaniuk and Mary Bezpalko carol their way up the aisle.



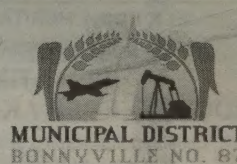
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REGIONAL BIODIESEL PROJECT

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCER INFORMATION SESSION

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2011

7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

ST. VINCENT HALL, ST. VINCENT, AB

The Power Alternative (Detroit, Michigan) and their financial and Alberta operating partners are proposing to build two (2) Integrated Crush and Biodiesel Facilities in the Province of Alberta. This is in response to Alberta's and Canada's new mandated requirements for biodiesel production and blending with hydrocarbon-based diesel fuel.

One of the two (2) Facilities, each with a capacity to produce up to 66-million litres a year of ASTM-certified biodiesel fuel, is proposed for the Smoky Lake Region with the other being located in northwestern Alberta.

This Agricultural Producer Information Session scheduled for the St. Paul and Bonnyville Regions, will have Senior Members of the Project Team on hand to:

1. Provide an overview of the proposed collaborative Project;
2. Present information on the anticipated feedstock requirements and mix (e.g., off-grade and on-grade canola, future non-food-grade oilseed crops, etc.); and
3. Discuss how Regional Agricultural Producers can participate in helping meet the Facility's start-up and ongoing operational feedstock requirements.

Please note that this Session is not intended to promote or solicit any new investment, it is focused solely and exclusively on evaluating current and future feedstock availability, regional supplier interest and overall supply chain logistics.

For more information on this Session, please contact:

- Mr. Dennis Bergheim, County of St. Paul No. 19
Phone 780-645-3301 Ext. 207 Email: dbergheim@county.stpaul.ab.ca or
- Mr. Matt Janz, M.D. of Bonnyville
Phone 780-826-3951 Email: mjanz@md.bonnyville.ab.ca

Please pre-register by calling

Betty at the County of St. Paul No. 19 Office Phone: 780-645-3301 Ext. 201

For more information on the project proponents, or to view a video of the Company's existing Biodiesel Plant, located in Detroit, Michigan, please visit:

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